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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GUATAMALAN VICE PRESIDENT MARIO SANDOVAL

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1. GUATEMALAN VICE PRESIDENT MARIO SANDOVAL ALARCON AND FOREIGN MINISTER OBIOLS ENDED THEIR FIVE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT JULY 24 WITH CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN TOTAL GOC SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALAN CLAIMS TO BELIZE. SANDOVAL MET WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CHILEAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT
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PINOCHET WHO ALLUDED TO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE ARBENZ AND ALLENDE EXPERIENCES,SAYING BOTH COUNTRIES HAD STOPPED SUCH "AGGRESSION DECISIVELY AND CATEGORICALLY".

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLLY THAT THE GUATEMALANS ASKED MUCH MORE SUPPORT THAN THE CHILEANS WERE PREPARED TO GIVE.

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HE SAID THAT THE CHILEANS FOUND THEMSELVES CAUGHT BETWEEN SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND A COMPETING DESIRE TO STAND WITH A LATIN COLLEAGUE. SANDOVAL BEGAN BY PUSHING THE TRADITIONAL GOC CLAIM TO ALL OF BELIZE BUT WOUND UP NOTING THAT HE THOUGHT A DEAL COULD BE STRUCK WITH THE UK. THE CHILEANS THOUGHT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT SOME SORT OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT.

3. AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF DRAFTS, IT WAS DECIDED TO SCRAP THE INITIAL IDEA OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. FOREIGN MINISTER CARAVAJAL, HOWEVER, FELT OBLIGED TO DEVOTE A PARAGRAPH TO THE BELIZE SITUSTION IN HIS ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY TOUR D'HORIZON OF JULY 29. THE GOC, HE SAID, WAS PLEASED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND THE UK TO FIND A "PEACEFUL SOLUTION ... RECONCILING THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES." CHILE "TRUSTED THAT GUATEMALAN ASPIRATIONS REGARDING BELIZE WOULD BE FULLY RECOGNIZED."

4. COMMENT: THE GOC EXPLOITED THE VISIT OF GOOD OLD ANTI-COMMUNIST SANDOVAL AS AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT, BUT IT DID NOT BUDGE ON ITS CAUTIOUS, HANDS OFF TREATMENT OF THE BELIZE ISSUE.

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